NSA: RTA for Intermediate and Advanced Cryptologic Language Training

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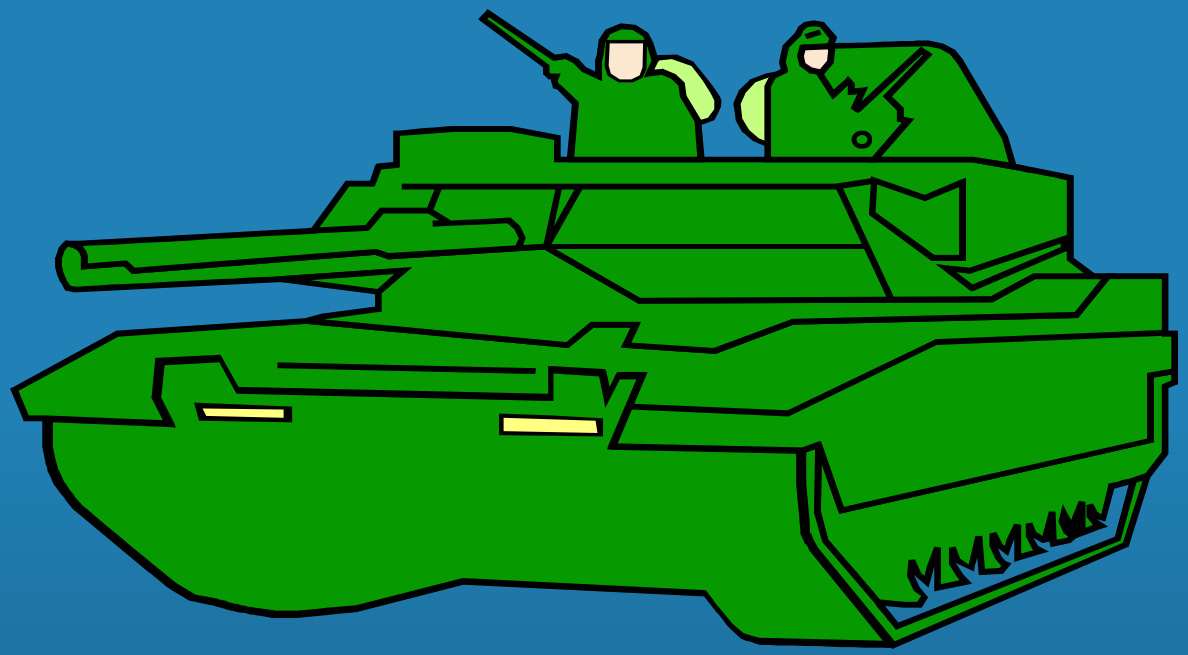
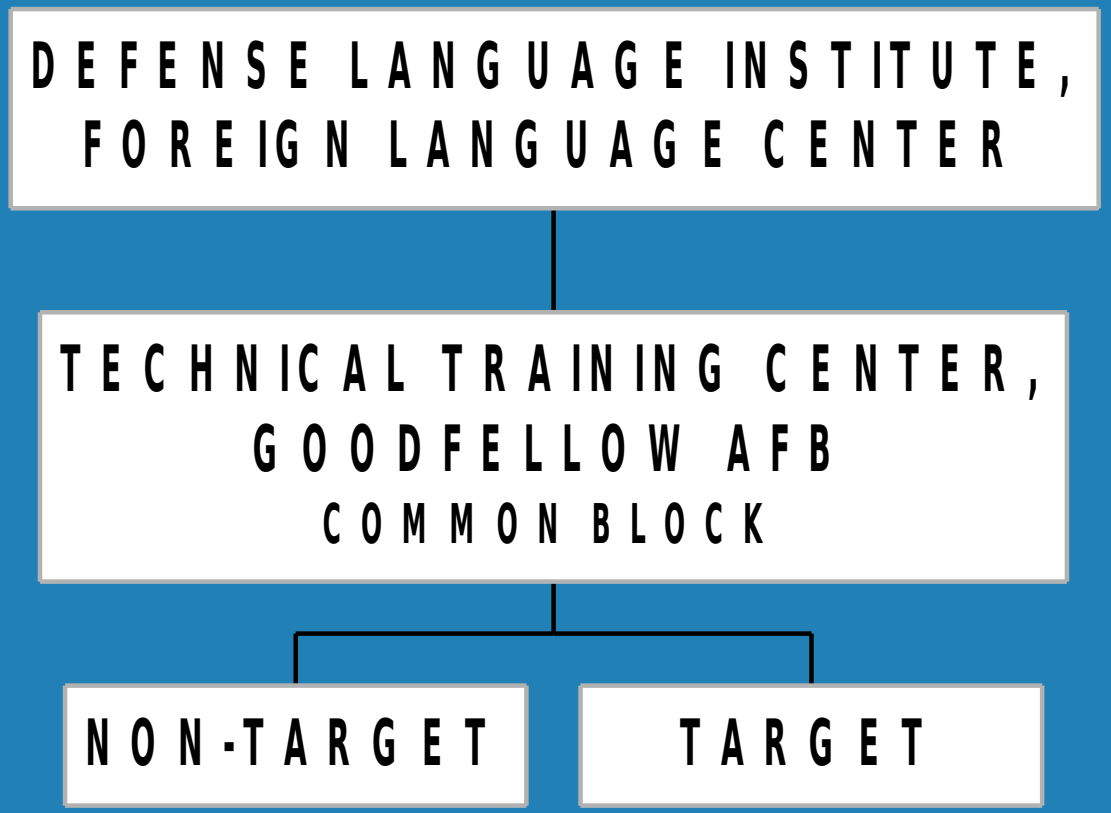
Congratulations, you're a linguist!

Now what?

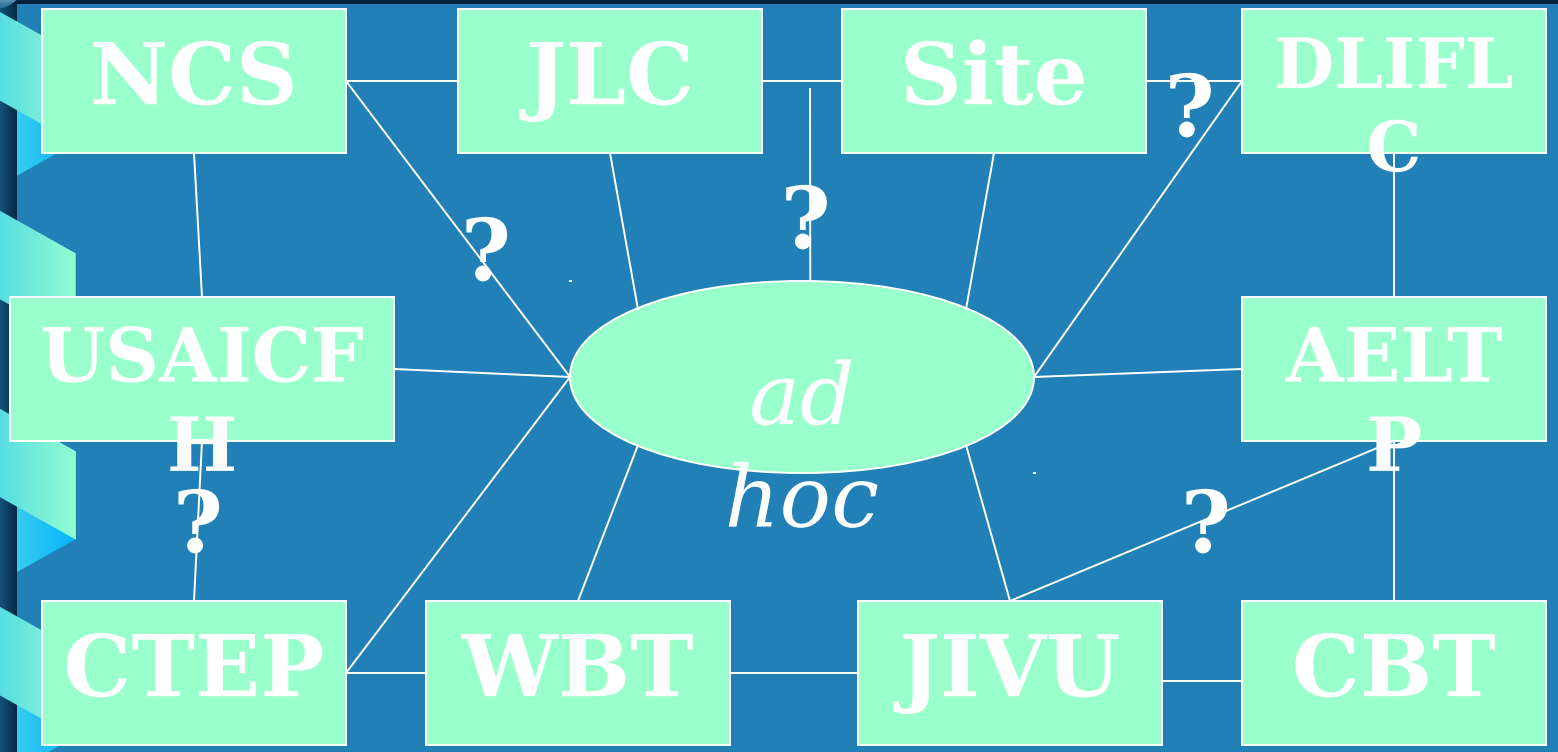
The Dilemma Facing Military Linguists



Life before the *maze*...



And then…
into the maze



But, now we have an RTA!

On 3 October, 2001 NSA/CSS was designated as the Responsible Training Authority (RTA) for Intermediate and Advanced Cryptologic Language Training for Military Linguists.

So, what's an RTA?

The training authority (U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, NSA/CSS) formally designated by the Training Director, NSA/CSS on behalf of the Director, NSA/CSS to manage and provide ***interservice*** training for a specific cryptologic system, equipment, or course(s). *(NSA/CSS Circ*

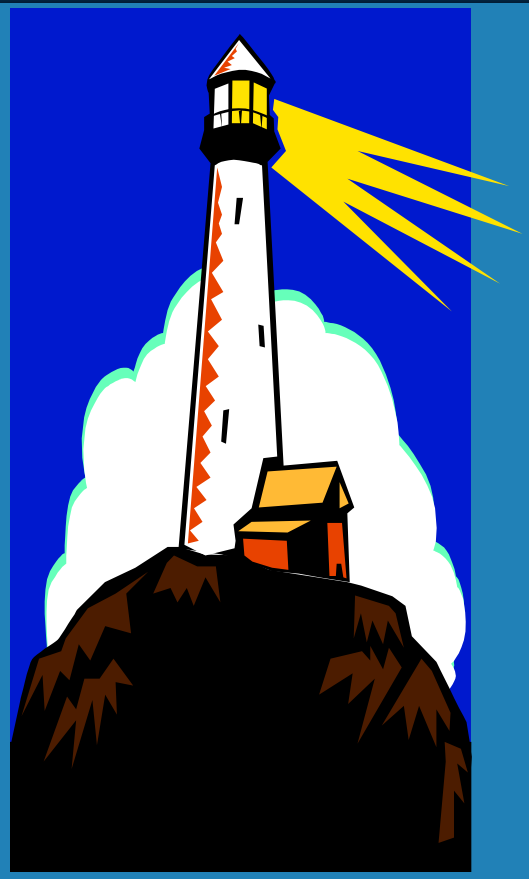
Is there a way out of the *maze?*

Yes!

- The RTA has a plan to map the entire maze and provide training guidance.

- The RTA will inform military cryptologic language analysts of their progress through

What is this plan?



The Military Cryptologic Continuing Education Program (MCCEP)

What will MCCEP do for military cryptologic linguists and the cryptologic system?

MCCEP will…

- Provide a map of all available language training for cryptologic linguists, with recommendations on how to develop their language and SIGINT performance skills.

MCCEP will…

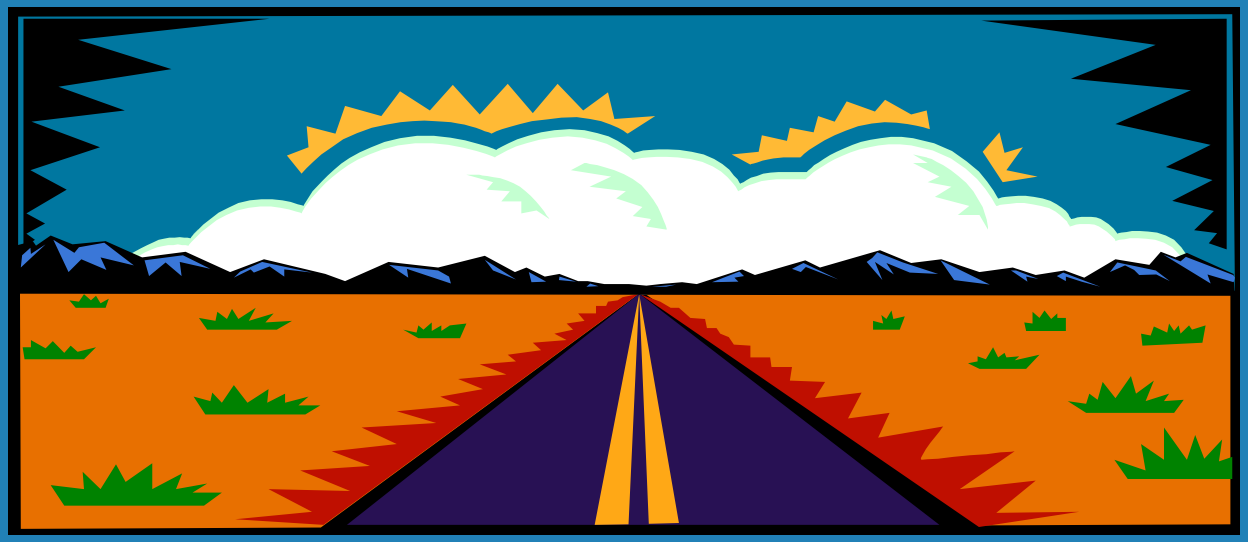
- Provide mission specific language training.
- Enable personnel to become familiar with new targets even before they PCS or while waiting to stand up a mission.

MCCEP will…

- Provide military linguists with recommended training options to improve cryptologic performance.
- Improve military linguists' advancement in the NSA Professional Health Program.

MCCEP will…

- Provide CLPMs and supervisors with a training path for their linguists.



MCCEP will also...

- Provide NCS, SCEs and local commanders with a way to track completion of all language training.
- Provide the NSA and the CTS with feedback on the value and utility of e-learning materials.

MCCEP will not...

replace experience.

(But nothing does!)

How will the MCCEP work?

- Enrollment upon graduation from GAFB
- Managed by the Language Department, NCS (E3)
- Curricula development managed by the NCS
- Progress tracked by NCS Database
- Certificates and ACE Credits issued by NCS
- Student participation managed by Service
- Active Participation by Individual Linguist

How will training be delivered?

- Platform based instruction
- NSA's secure Web World Intranet*
- DLIFLC's Lingnet web site*
- NFLC's Langnet web site*
- Inter-Active CD ROM*
- Inter-Active DVD*
- Joint Intelligence Virtual University (JIVU)*

**Every course accredited by MCCEP will include a self-contained Learning Management Tool*

How will progress be tracked?

- Instructor Grade Reports
- Learning Management Tools
- Command MCCEP Manager
- Student Participation and Feedback

Q: So, what now?

A: We don’t wait!

I. Draft Level Criteria

- NCS Language Department drafting criteria for MCCEP remedial, intermediate and advanced cryptologic language analyst levels
  - Meshes with the NSA Professional Health Program (“Tech Track”)
  - Will include performance and proficiency.
  - Est. completion: late March

II. Document the Training

- Catalogue existing training, by language and level, as available from:
  - NCS
  - DLI
  - Joint Language Centers
  - FLTCE
  - e-Learning Products (NFLC/DLI/NCS, etc.)
  - other sources as applicable

Then...

- Identify gaps in existing training opportunities.
- Fill the gaps through course development and purchases.

III. Tracking Mechanism

- Create a database to track student progress
  - Reports generated at NCS and ***on-site**** for program and command oversight
  - Will track student participation on e-learning materials as well as platform instruction.

**Automated process to enable commanders to know linguists' training levels and progress*.

IV. Administrative Guidance

- Develop a MCCEP module to the Command Language Program Managers' Course delivered by DLI.
  - To explain MCCEP and tracking mechanisms
  - To provide POCs for assistance.
  - Post information on the web for constant availability.

Questions?